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Application of: §  
 Richard L. Watson, M.D. §  
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 Assignee: Maternus, Inc. §  
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 Serial No.: 09/758,381 §  
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 Filed: January 10, 2001 §  
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 Title: Fingertip Device For Rupturing §  
 Amniotic Membranes §  
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Art Unit: 3765

Examiner: Alissa L. Hoey

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three months to February 14, 2003.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed.

☐ The response is the filing of a continuation application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

3. Applicant is

☒ a small entity -- verified statement:

☐ attached.

☒ already filed.

☐ other than a small entity.

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Total months requested</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

Fee: \$465.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Net extension fee due with this request: \$465.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any) the extended period for response will expire on February 14, 2003.

6. Fee Payment

- ☒ Attached is a check or credit card authorization for the sum of \$465.00.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-0477 for any missing or additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. **A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.**
- ☐ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 01-0477 and this is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

MATERNUS, INC.

By



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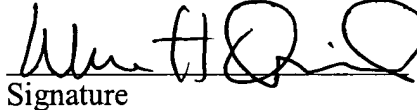
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